

# **TULARE COUNTY PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**3:00 PM on November 10, 2015**

**MEETING NOTICE  
TULARE COUNTY GOVERNMENT PLAZA  
CONFERENCE ROOM L – PLANNING COMMISSION ROOM  
5953 S. MOONEY BLVD  
VISALIA, CA 93277**

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## **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Welcome**
- 3. Public Comment**
- 4. Visalia Feral Cat Coalition Trap, Neuter, and Release Presentation**
- 5. Park Well Status**
- 6. Mooney Grove 20 Year Conceptual Master Plan**
- 7. Proposed Health Advisory Committee Smoking Ban in County Parks**
- 8. Parks Manager Update**
- 9. Role of the Parks Advisory Committee**
- 10. Committee Member Matters & Next Meeting Date**
- 11. Adjournment**

**Contact Person: Tulare County General Services (559) 624-7227**

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# Tulare County Parks Advisory Committee

## **AGENDA ITEM No. 4**

**Committee  
Members**  
Karol Aure-Flynn  
Mike Chrisman  
Carol Finney  
Aaron Gomes  
Nancy Hawkins  
Neil Pilegard  
Courtney Roche, Jr.

**AGENDA DATE:** November 10, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Visalia Feral Cat Coalition Trap, Neuter, and Release Presentation

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Parks Advisory Committee:

Receive a presentation from the Visalia Feral Cat Coalition regarding their proposal for a Trap, Neuter, and Release Program at Mooney Grove Park.

**SUMMARY:**

Mooney Grove Park has been experiencing the negative impacts of a large population of feral cats for several years. These feral cats tend to live under the bridge and behind the museum. There are many individuals in the community who provided food and other services for these feral cats. Some of the negative impacts of the feral cats has been the presence of flea in some Parks buildings, liability exposure for the County, and the possibility of the spread of diseases among animals.

The Visalia Feral Cat Coalition is requesting that the County approve a formal Trap, Neuter, and Release (TNR) Program at Mooney Grove Park as a method of managing the feral cat population at the Park. In a TNR program, feral animals are trapped at identified locations, taken to a veterinarian for sterilization and vaccination, and then returned to their original location. Proponents of TNR believe it is a humane way of reducing the population of feral animals, which can, in turn, reduce the negative impacts associated with those animals.

There are organizations, colleges, and government jurisdictions that have initiated TNR programs (for example, College of the Sequoias, Stanford University, Disneyland, City of Los Angeles) to manage feral cats on their property. Some of these organizations have experienced success and others have experienced further difficulties. Additionally, there is a body of study that also indicates both success and challenges for TNR programs.

The purpose of this presentation is to provide the Coalition an opportunity to present their proposal to the Committee and offer information as to why they believe it would be successful. It is also an opportunity for the Committee to ask questions, seek feedback, and discuss with staff the advantages and disadvantages of this proposal. Staff will provide their perspective on the matter. This is not an action item. To provide the Committee members the necessary time to look into this proposal further, the matter will be brought back before the Committee at a future meeting.

**SUBJECT:** Visalia Feral Cat Coalition Trap, Neuter, and Release Presentation

**DATE:** November 10, 2015

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

This is a presentation item only. The fiscal impacts of engaging or not engaging in a TNR program are unknown at this time and would require further study, depending on the nature of the proposed program details.

Attachment(s)  
Visalia Feral Cat Coalition Proposal





# Tulare County Parks Advisory Committee

## **AGENDA ITEM No. 6**

**Committee  
Members**  
Karol Aure-Flynn  
Mike Chrisman  
Carol Finney  
Aaron Gomes  
Nancy Hawkins  
Neil Pilegard  
Courtney Roche, Jr.

**AGENDA DATE:** November 10, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Mooney Grove 20 Year Conceptual Master Plan

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Parks Advisory Committee:  
Discussion Regarding the Mooney Grove 20 Year Conceptual Master Plan

**SUMMARY:**

At the October 21, 2015 meeting, the Committee reviewed the conceptual cost estimate for the Mooney Grove 20 Year Master Plan. This estimate was prepared by Kleinfelder, Inc, which also prepared the Master Plan. The Master Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors in January 2015 after several years of preparation. Kleinfelder's original scope included four activities: 1) Development of Park-wide Base Map; 2) Preparation of Plans, Specifications, Estimates, and Engineering for the Construction of the New History of Farm Labor Museum; 3) Preparation of the 20 Year Plan; and 4) Oversight of the Existing Museum Rehabilitation Project. Kleinfelder's costs for preparing the 20 Year Plan were originally \$160,300. There was one contract change order in the amount of \$36,610. Therefore, the total contract cost of the preparation of the 20 Year Master Plan was \$196,910.

The Committee has been tasked with reviewing the Plan, and providing recommendations for implementation to the Board of Supervisors. The Committee is in the process of undertaking that review. However, the Committee has requested to more fully research the current maintenance and cosmetic needs of Mooney Grove Park, before looking at long-term recommendations.

The purpose of this Agenda Item is to discuss those immediate needs. Some of the needs as identified by the Committee include: cleaning up the pond, reducing the gees population, park security, and reducing the cat population. These items will be discussed at the November 10 meeting.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The cost of preparing the plan was \$196,610. The cost estimate previously provided indicates the long-term buildout costs for all of the Plan's recommendations.

Attachment(s)

N/A



# Tulare County Parks Advisory Committee

## **AGENDA ITEM No. 7**

**Committee  
Members**  
Karol Aure-Flynn  
Mike Chrisman  
Carol Finney  
Aaron Gomes  
Nancy Hawkins  
Neil Pilegard  
Courtney Roche, Jr.

**AGENDA DATE:** November 10, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Tulare County Health Advisory Committee Smoking Ban  
in County Parks

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Parks Advisory Committee:

1. Discussion Regarding the Proposed Tulare County Health Advisory Committee Smoking Ban in County Parks.
2. Provide formal communication to the Health Advisory Committee regarding this proposed ban.

**SUMMARY:**

The Tulare County Health Advisory Committee is recommending that the County consider a smoking ban within all Tulare County Parks. This initiative was presented to the Board of Supervisors on July 21, 2015. The Board voted 4-1 to direct staff to bring back to the Board language that allows for designated smoking areas in public parks. The Parks Manager has been requested to work with the Health Advisory Committee regarding the Board's direction.

The purpose of this Agenda Item is to provide the Parks Manager an opportunity to brief the Committee with more details of this proposal.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

Unknown at this time. It could possibly result in the loss of revenue and increase in enforcement costs.

Attachment(s)

N/A